

### Necrology

#### HERBERT RUCKES (1895–1965)

The New York Entomological Society records with regret the death of Dr. Herbert Ruckes on December 23, 1965, at the age of 70.

Born in New York City, Herbert Ruckes attended the city public schools. He received the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts from Cornell University in 1917, and that of Doctor of Philosophy from Columbia University in 1929. He served as Instructor in Biology at Grove City College, Pennsylvania from 1917–1919. In 1920 he was appointed to the staff of The City College; upon his retirement in 1954 he was appointed Professor Emeritus.

Professor Ruckes' research was in the widely divergent fields of chelonian osteology and the systematics of the Pentatomidae, a worldwide family of hemipterous insects. A major work on chelonian osteology was awarded the A. Cressy Morrison prize of the New York Academy of Sciences in 1928, and was published by the Academy. He was for many years a Research Associate in the Department of Entomology of the American Museum of Natural History, and was a National Research Foundation Fellow from 1959 through 1961. He worked steadily and faithfully at the museum until his last illness. In his research on the pentatomids, he did fieldwork in Central America and the Rocky Mountains, and visited the major museums of Europe studying the collections and the types of pioneer entomologists.

In our own Society, Doctor Ruckes had served on many committees and in many capacities: Vice-President—1935, President—1936, many times a member of the Executive Committee, at the time of his death he was on the Publications Committee. He was an active member and had served in offices of a number of other scientific societies.

He is survived by his widow, the former Frances Anna Nillo, and a son, Herbert Ruckes, Jr.

By his keen interest and accomplishments in biological research, his broad knowledge, his cheerful disposition, and his ready cooperation, Herbert Ruckes set an inspiring example for his colleagues and associates in the New York Entomological Society.